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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kenji YAMADA, et al.

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/175,777, filed June 21, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:
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☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-165219	June 12, 1998
Japan	10-170154	June 17, 1998
Japan	10-221688	August 5, 1998
Japan	10-224356	August 7, 1998
Japan	10-245792	August 31, 1998
Japan	10-248492	September 2, 1998
Japan	10-252274	September 7, 1998
Japan	10-252805	September 7, 1998
Japan	10-325033	November 16, 1998
Japan	11-077995	March 23, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/332,442 filed June 14, 1999
- ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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